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PASS TREASURY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SHAPIRO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM E.) IN

SUBJECT: SECRETARY SIMONS VISIT TO INDIA

REF: A) STATE 062420; B) STATEU 075387; C) STATE 075044

1. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE/SCENARIO FOR MADRAS IS AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 19:

1430 SECRETARY SIMON AND PARTY WILL BE MET UPON ARRIVAL IN
MADRAS BY CONSUL GENERAL EAVES AND OTHER MEMBERS
OF CONGEN STAFF. SEDANS AND BUS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
TRANSPORT PARTY AND CREW TO HOTEL. TRUCK WILL STAND BY
FOR LUGGAGE.

1500 PARTY ARRIVES AT TAJ COROMANDEL HOTEL AND CHECKS IN.

1545 SECRETARY SIMON AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY AC-
COMPANIED BY CONSUL GENERAL AND ECONOMIC OFFICER
DEPART FOR VISIT TO MADRAS PORT.
REMAINDER OF PARTY AND CREW WILL HAVE OPTION OF SIGHT-
SEEING OR SHOPPING WITH ASSISTANCE OF CONGEN PERSONNEL.

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1800 SECRETARY AND PARTY RETURN TO HOTEL.

1930 PRIVATE DINNER IN HOTEL DINING ROOM (FEATURING CHINESE FOOD) RESERVED FOR SECRETARY AND PARTY. THOSE WHO WISH MAY DINE IN PUBLIC DINING ROOMS FEATURING EITHER SOUTH INDIAN OR CONTINENTAL FOOD. EVENING IS FREE.

APRIL 20:

FOR TTSE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AND CREW WISHING TO VISIT THE TEMPLES AT KANCHEEPURAM, WE WILL ARRANGE A BUS AND GUIDED TOUR AS FOLLOWS:

0800 BUS DEPARTS HOTEL.

0945 ARRIVE KANCHEEPURAM AND VISIT MAJOR TEMPLES.

1100 DEPART KANCHEEPURAM FOR MAHABALIPURAM.

1300 LUNCH AT TEMPLE BAY HOTEL DINING ROOM, MAHABALIPURAM. REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON CAN BE SPENT AT BEACH OR TOURING TEMPLES AT MAHABALIPURAM.

1730 DEPART BY BUS FOR MADRAS.

1900 ARRIVE TAJ COROMANDEL. DINNER EDT ONE OF HOTEL DINING ROOMS. EVENING FREE. OPTIONS FOR THOSE NOT WISHING TO VISIT KANCHEEPURAM.

0830 CHURCH SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE. MASS AT STELLA MARIS CHAPEL OR PROTESTANT SERVICES AT HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CHURCH. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY RENTED SEDANS.

0930 DEPARTURE BY RENTED SEDANS TO INDIAN TOURIST DEVELOPMENT HOTEL (TEMPLE BAY) ON THE BEACH AT MAHABALIPURAM. AIR CONDITIONED BEACH COTTAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE DAY.

1045 ARRIVE AT TEMPLE BAY.
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NOTE: OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY NOT WISHING TO ATTEND CHURCH COULD DEPART EITHER EARLIER OR LATER IN SMALL GROUPS BY RENTED SEDAN. THERE IS ALSO AN EVENING MASS AT 1830 AT ST. THEREA'S CHURCH NEAR THE HOTEL.

1230-1430 LUNCH AT TEMPLE BAY DINING ROOM. REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON COULD BE SPENT RESTING, SWIMMING, OR TOURING NEARBY TEMPLES.

1730 DEPARTURE FOR MADRAS.

1845 ARRIVAL AT TAJ COROMANDEL.

1930 DINNER IN ONE OF HOTEL DINING ROOMS. EVENING IS FREE.

APRIL 21:

0615 BAGGAGE CALL AT HOTEL. WE WILL TAG ALL BAGGAGE FOR THE
HOTEL IN COLOMBO IF ROOM NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE IN
ADVANCE.

0715 PARTY DEPARTS FOR AIRPORT.

0755 WHEELS UP. (WE ASSUME
HIS WILL BE NEW DEPARTURE TIME
IN VIETNAM ADVANCED ARRIVAL TIME IN COLOMBO MENTIONED
STATE 075912).

2. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. NO LIQUOR, CIGARETTES OR SUNDRIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN
MADRAS ASIDE FROM LOCALLY PRODUCED ITEMS AS WE HAVE
NO COMMISSARY. HOWEVER, WE WILL HAVE IMPORTED BEER FOR SALE.
PARTY SHOULD PURCHASE NEEDED SUPPLIES IN NEW DELHI.

B. THE MANAGEMENT OF TEMPLE BAY HAS AGREED TO RENT AIR
CONDITIONED BEACH CABINS FOR THE DAY AT THE GOVERNMENT RATE OF RS.
99 FOR A DOUBLE ROOM, RS. 63 FOR A SINGLE. GIVEN NUMBER OF PARTY
ADDED REFTEL (C), WE ARE NOW TENTATIVELY HOLDING
12 AIR CONDITIONED
CABINS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER AVAILABLE. PLEASE ADVISE EXACT NUMBER
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DESIRED.

C. DAYTIME TEMPERATURE IN MADRAS CAN REACH 100 DEGREES WITH
HIGH HUMIDITY. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND COOL ATTIRE AND OPEN COLLARS.

D. THE SECRETARY'S CAR WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WHATEVER SCHEDULE
HE WISHES TO FOLLOW ON THE 20TH.

E. IT APPEARS FROM REFTEL (C) THAT THE NUMBER OF ROOMS WE HAVE
RESERVED (SEE MADRW 0407) IS EXCESSIVE. IF WE NOW HAVE THE
NAMES OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY, WE WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER
OF ROOMS RESERVED ACCORDINGLY. PLEASE ADVISE.
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